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MAKESHIFTS ARE DANGEROUS.

It is amusing indeed to note the attitude of the whoop-it-up-draught-measure-anti-Japanese advocates, who begin to cave in when a practical measure for staying Japanese immigration, for a while at least, is proposed. They immediately run to cover and ask the Government to enforce "strict quarantine." Most certainly the people now have a right to question the motive of the whoop-it-up policy, that is liable to entangle the Government in all kinds of international wrangles.

The opportunity is right here and now for the Government to stop wholesale immigration from the Orient. If the law of 1896 was not passed in order that it might be applied in just such conditions as obtain at the present day, we would like to know what the object of our legislators was. Was it that they wanted to put high-sounding rights at the disposal of our officials—never to be used? Did they put section six in the law, and with a sly wink to the Executive, say: "This is for effect?" We think not. If we are mistaken, it is time the people found it out.

The people of Honolulu are to-day facing a fact, not a theory. They have seen that a fourteen days quarantine in Japan and nineteen days at sea on a "healthy" ship is no guarantee against the introduction of a smallpox epidemic. They have seen that officials engaged in investigating the right of immigrants to enter this port may be tied up, almost indefinitely in quarantine. They know that every immigrant coming from the infected ports of Japan is a menace to public health. They know that the industries of the country do not, for the present, require an increased number of laborers. The city has escaped a smallpox epidemic by mere chance. Why should our people run any more risks when the dangers can be reduced to a minimum by shutting off immigration?

The action proposed by this paper would at present effect only Japan, but if ports of other countries are put on the "infected" list, the law will fit all cases. An evening paper says diphtheria is epidemic in San Francisco. This is news indeed. If it were true, San Francisco passengers would have been subjected to quarantine regulations long ago.

Under the present conditions, we believe the Japanese Government would be the last to offer objection to the enforcement of extreme measures in dealing with the steerage passengers from Japanese ports. Restrictions upon the immigration of laborers while the smallpox epidemic is prevalent would not interfere with our commercial relations with Japan or cause disagreeable international discussions. This is no time for quarantine makeshifts.

## SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION.

In going over the list of young men of Hawaii who are attending American colleges and universities, it is remarkable to note that nearly every son of Hawaii is fitting himself for what are sometimes called the white-shirt professions. The boys seem to be following in the footsteps of their fathers and fitting themselves to be lawyers and doctors. The scientific courses now attracting thousands of young men in the United States seem to be held in abhorrence. Notwithstanding the industrial development of this country calls for men educated in practical science and mechanic arts, the majority of the boys are delving in Greek and Latin and the usual finishing touches of a classical education.

Look over the sugar planta-

tions and note the men who are doing the scientific work. Without exception they are men from Germany or the United States educated in the scientific institutions. Yet the boys whose education is furnished them by sugar dividends, are devoting their attention to the classics. This is a strange state of affairs, indeed, when we take into consideration of what inestimable value applied science has been and will be in the production of our industrial mainstay. The natural supposition would be that young men who have been brought up on sugar and intimately acquainted with the requirements of its production, would turn their attention to the practical courses of study. It is also worthy of note that our Government engineers and teachers of science in our educational institutions are largely men from the United States.

Just what is the reason for this state of affairs we cannot say. Possibly, it is due to the old-fashioned idea that exists in some parts of the United States—classical college men look down upon the scientific institutions. Possibly, it is because the young sons of Hawaii dislike the idea of discolored their fingers with the acids of the laboratory, getting black and dirty in the smoke and grease of the machine shop, or object to the outdoor hardships of the civil engineering.

Whatever the cause may be, it certainly is a misfortune that so few of the young men of the country are turning their attention to what is known as practical education. If Hawaii is to keep pace with other countries in science and the mechanic arts, it will be forced in the future, as it has been in the past, to draw its leaders from other countries. Suppose, for instance, the Government should establish an experiment station, what young men are there among our college boys whose education has fitted them to take charge of any department and conduct it upon modern scientific principles? Might a few, if any. When the planters established an experiment station, where did they go for the men to conduct it? To the United States.

The fact of the matter is, the young men of the country are behind the times. They are not altogether to be blamed, however, since their attention has not been directed to the practical necessities of the country. The classical education is accepted because their fathers were educated in "classical" institutions. To them there is a halo about the head of the classical student that chemists, engineers, architects do not possess. The same idea existed in the United States fifty years ago, but it has long since been exploded by the work of graduates from scientific colleges.

## THE LABOR AGENT.

What possible good is to be gained by calling the labor agents of the Orient names? Such shouting at random is simply a waste of time and printers' ink. It reminds one of the talk of one class of temperance lecturers who labor long and loudly with drunkards, but increase their incomes by renting buildings to saloon keepers. Why not strike at the mark?

The majority of the Japanese coming to this country do not

work for nothing in order to get a white man's position. The labor agents of the Orient would not bring laborers here if the Orientals were not put to work on the plantations or in and about the homes of Hawaii. Remember that advance orders are received for many of the men. We admit there have been a few exceptions. We speak of the ruling majority. It is useless to weep salt tears of anger over the Orientals and labor agents. Who pays the laborers, who employs them? There is nothing gained by naming matters. The exact condition is patent to every person living in or coming to this country.

To improve this condition a radical change must be made in the labor system throughout the country, and the sooner the people wake up to the facts the better it will be for all concerned. The honest thinking people are now at work on this problem, and we believe the hoped-for results will be accomplished. Meanwhile, why not stop this yelling at the galleries, this heavy bombardment of the "agents?" The Standard Dictionary tells us that an agent is one "who acts for another." We commend this definition to the consideration of some of our near-sighted friends. Read, mark, learn and digest and then be honest.

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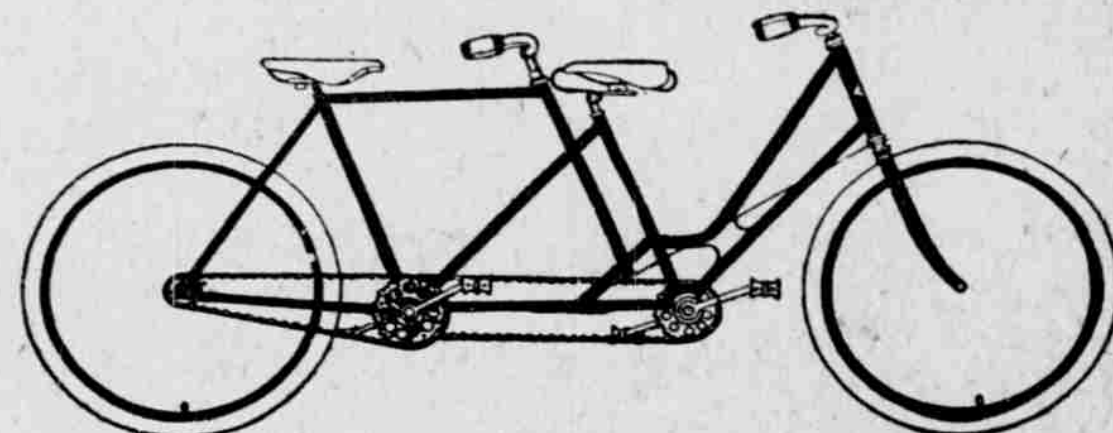
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